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Cassis Amber Alert abuse bill signed into law

LANSING - Legislation sponsored by state Sen. Nancy Cassis that penalizes people who falsely report an Amber Alert has been signed into law.

Senate Bill 134, now Public Act 207, and its companion, SB 74, now PA 205, sponsored by Sen. Mike Goschka, R-Brant, make it a felony to falsely report an Amber Alert and establish a penalty of up to four years in prison and fines up to \$2,000.

“When someone falsely reports an Amber Alert, valuable law enforcement resources are wasted in a fruitless search for a nonexistent crime,” said Cassis, R-Nov. “Clearly, this is a serious offense and this legislation makes it known that Amber Alerts are not to be misused.”

Cassis also sponsored a 2002 law, which created Amber Alert of Michigan, a coordinated notification system between national, state and local law enforcement agencies and broadcasters to quickly locate abducted children through radio and television broadcast bulletins.

“Amber Alert is an invaluable resource for finding abducted children,” Cassis said. “This new law ensures that those who abuse it will face strong punishment.”

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